MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS / DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD AREAS

MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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DATA MONTH: JANUARY, 1984

Unemployment in Missouri jumped sharply in January, as severe weather forced joblessness up more rapidly than the usual January seasonal increase.

The unemployment rate jumped by 1.8 percentage points to 10.2 percent from the revised December rate of 8.4 percent, as the jobless total climbed by 41,200 to 236,300. This increase is slightly larger than the usual seasonal increase expected in January. Total employment fell by about 39,200 to 2,084,200, as the labor force remained nearly constant between December and January. Despite the deterioration in January, conditions are still far better than they were a year ago, with unemployment having fallen by 30,900 and the unemployment rate having dipped 1.4 percentage points from January 1983's revised 11.6 percent. Total employment increased by 51,300 in the same period.

Nonfarm payroll employment also dipped sharply in January, the result of seasonal declines in retail trade, construction, state and local goverment, and services. Together, these industry groups experienced a drop of 36,900 jobs between December and January, virtually all of the 37,800 decrease experienced in payroll employment. The remainder of the drop was accounted for by durable goods manufacturing, where employment slipped back by 1100. January nonagricultural wage and salary employment totaled 1,903,100, compared to 1,940,900 in December.

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
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MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JAN 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - DEC 1983 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - JAN 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2320474	2084175	236299	10.2	2318555	2123452	195103	8.4	2300071	2032860	267211	11.6
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1139818	1019184	120634	10.6	1141209	1038846	102363	9.0	1129181	995103	134078	11.9
KANSAS CITY SMSA	677113	624337	52776	7.8	680953	637887	43066	6.3	677744	612180	65564	9.7
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	112386	103464	8922	7.9	114241	106916	7325	6.4	109461	98919	10542	9.6
COLUMBIA SMSA	56763	53782	2981	5.3	56464	53961	2503	4.4	52698	49572	3126	5.9
JOPLIN SMSA	57376	51979	5397	9.4	57299	52721	4578	8.0	57363	50716	6647	11.6
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45071	40464	4607	10.2	45053	40916	4137	9.2	45566	39889	5677	12.5
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16232	14969	1263	7.8	16170	15197	973	6.0	15427	14146	1281	8.3
ATCHISON	4936	4646	290	5.9	5133	4925	208	4.1	4758	4535	223	4.7
AUDRAIN	10665	9639	1026	9.6	10580	9663	917	8.7	10647	9100	1547	14.5
BARRY	11158	10084	1074	9.6	11227	10321	906	8.1	11122	9860	1262	11.3
BARTON	4794	4506	288	6.0	4804	4577	227	4.7	4633	4286	347	7.5
BATES	7470	6632	838	11.2	7444	6778	666	8.9	7373	6620	753	10.2
BENTON	5045	4390	655	13.0	5100	4581	519	10.2	4829	4139	690	14.3
BOLLINGER	3150	2470	680	21.6	3212	2522	690	21.5	3206	2324	882	27.5
BUTLER	15844	13295	2549	16.1	15603	13653	1950	12.5	15957	13155	2802	17.6
CALDWELL	3502	3114	388	11.1	3601	3279	322	8.9	3636	3211	425	11.7
CALLAWAY	19966	18388	1578	7.9	20034	18597	1437	7.2	21100	19246	1854	8.8
CAMDEN	10848	9064	1784	16.4	11219	9946	1273	11.3	9981	8191	1790	17.9
CAPE GIRARDEAU	29966	27735	2231	7.4	30808	28826	1982	6.4	30208	27161	3047	10.1
CARROLL	4436	3977	459	10.3	4437	4044	393	8.9	4461	3971	490	11.0
CARTER	2748	2291	457	16.6	2672	2229	443	16.6	2687	2306	381	14.2
CEDAR	4108	3606	502	12.2	4203	3849	354	8.4	4172	3585	587	14.1
CHARITON	4543	4101	442	9.7	4571	4158	413	9.0	4508	4089	419	9.3
CLARK	3102	2685	417	13.4	3202	2871	331	10.3	3516	2682	834	23.7
CLINTON	7159	6383	776	10.8	7066	6551	515	7.3	7094	6393	701	9.9
COLE/OSAGE LMA	35494	32567	2927	8.2	33872	31367	2505	7.4	35256	32045	3211	9.1
COOPER	6825	6166	659	9.7	6994	6439	555	7.9	6748	6016	732	10.8
CRAWFORD	7176	6215	961	13.4	7058	6321	737	10.4	7434	6272	1162	15.6
DADE	3658	3387	271	7.4	3654	3440	214	5.9	3654	3340	314	8.6
DALLAS	4373	3750	623	14.2	4424	3966	458	10.4	4721	3879	842	17.8
DAVIESS	2844	2348	496	17.4	2810	2458	352	12.5	2897	2403	494	17.1
DEKALB	3140	2863	277	8.8	3077	2880	197	6.4	3021	2724	297	9.8
DENT	5818	5005	813	14.0	5937	4936	1001	16.9	6070	5193	877	14.4
DOUGLAS	4334	3754	580	13.4	4287	3844	443	10.3	4206	3500	706	16.8
DUNKLIN	13244	10995	2249	17.0	12837	11080	1757	13.7	13664	10591	3073	22.5
GASCONADE	6805	6284	521	7.7	6755	6305	450	6.7	6626	5998	628	9.5
GENTRY	3809	3471	338	8.9	3905	3624	281	7.2	3975	3711	264	6.6
GRUNDY	5083	4576	507	10.0	5125	4658	467	9.1	4987	4278	709	14.2
HARRISON	4658	4156	502	10.8	4719	4365	354	7.5	4493	4101	392	8.7
HENRY	8997	8005	992	11.0	9102	8239	863	9.5	8978	7982	996	11.1
HICKORY	2283	1943	340	14.9	2158	1933	225	10.4	2158	1796	362	16.8
HOLT	3117	2748	369	11.8	3117	2933	184	5.9	2994	2730	264	8.8
HOWARD	4470	4093	377	8.4	4547	4179	368	8.1	4352	3919	433	9.9
HOWELL	13166	11651	1515	11.5	13132	11945	1187	9.0	12833	11060	1773	13.8
IRON	4591	3951	640	13.9	4502	3960	542	12.0	4659	4034	625	13.4
JOHNSON	15599	14605	994	6.4	15604	14735	869	5.6	15388	14218	1170	7.6
KNOX	2336	2044	292	12.5	2402	2156	246	10.2	2338	2032	306	13.1
LACLEDE	10974	9804	1170	10.7	11102	10177	925	8.3	10937	9656	1281	11.7
LAFAYETTE	14294	12989	1305	9.1	13772	12825	947	6.9	14209	12466	1743	12.3
LAWRENCE	12116	10776	1340	11.1	11560	10497	1063	9.2	11722	10534	1188	10.1

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	5286	4565	721	13.6	5236	4613	623	11.9	5153	4352	801	15.5
LINCOLN	10115	8752	1363	13.5	9987	9012	975	9.8	9835	8518	1317	13.4
LINN	7663	6681	982	12.8	7781	6854	927	11.9	8115	6553	1562	19.2
LIVINGSTON	6675	5962	713	10.7	6811	6154	657	9.6	6930	6057	873	12.6
MACON	6590	5910	680	10.3	6569	6027	542	8.3	6433	5622	811	12.6
MADISON	3688	3163	525	14.2	4010	3560	450	11.2	3992	3341	651	16.3
MARIES	2466	2153	313	12.7	2492	2245	247	9.9	2684	2259	425	15.8
MARION/RALLS LMA	17761	15599	2162	12.2	18021	16218	1803	10.0	17977	15626	2351	13.1
MCDONALD	5482	4755	727	13.3	5447	4866	581	10.7	5449	4648	801	14.7
MERCER	1796	1560	236	13.1	1797	1654	143	8.0	1764	1607	157	8.9
MILLER	10148	8272	1876	18.5	9907	8517	1390	14.0	9986	8092	1894	19.0
MISSISSIPPI	6525	5406	1119	17.1	6272	5427	845	13.5	6473	5180	1293	20.0
MONITEAU	4882	3794	1088	22.3	4693	3997	696	14.8	4736	3775	961	20.3
MONROE	4342	3996	346	8.0	4332	4025	307	7.1	4132	3706	426	10.3
MONTGOMERY	5160	4601	559	10.8	5228	4740	488	9.3	5305	4672	633	11.9
MORGAN	5327	4422	905	17.0	5278	4601	677	12.8	5230	4296	934	17.9
NEW MADRID	11471	9955	1516	13.2	10757	9674	1083	10.1	10312	8517	1795	17.4
NODAWAY	10223	9435	788	7.7	10260	9659	601	5.9	10162	9598	564	5.6
OREGON	3098	2621	477	15.4	2989	2591	398	13.3	2953	2485	468	15.8
OZARK	3757	3253	504	13.4	3618	3274	344	9.5	3327	2806	521	15.7
PEMISCOT	8219	6856	1363	16.6	7990	6888	1102	13.8	8365	6663	1702	20.3
PERRY	6775	6141	634	9.4	6716	6182	534	8.0	6993	6066	927	13.3
PETTIS	15851	14115	1736	11.0	15642	14222	1420	9.1	15828	13494	2334	14.7
PHELPS	15017	13633	1384	9.2	15414	14238	1176	7.6	15006	13525	1481	9.9
PIKE	7041	5978	1063	15.1	6900	6089	811	11.8	7145	5995	1150	16.1
POLK	8861	8090	771	8.7	8446	7836	610	7.2	8026	7149	877	10.9
PULASKI	8884	7785	1099	12.4	8811	7869	942	10.7	8509	7475	1034	12.2
PUTNAM	2868	2526	342	11.9	2950	2699	251	8.5	2900	2613	287	9.9
RANDOLPH	11445	10424	1021	8.9	11267	10342	925	8.2	11171	9902	1269	11.4
REYNOLDS	2537	1958	579	22.8	2475	1976	499	20.2	2997	2508	489	16.3
RIPLEY	3263	2673	590	18.1	3349	2878	471	14.1	3462	2749	713	20.6
SALINE	13591	12453	1138	8.4	13477	12576	901	6.7	13066	12054	1012	7.7
SCOTLAND	2293	2039	254	11.1	2341	2162	179	7.6	2281	2022	259	11.4
SCOTT	17177	14899	2278	13.3	17408	15553	1855	10.7	18238	15466	2772	15.2
SHANNON	3186	2369	817	25.6	3169	2462	707	22.3	3013	2366	647	21.5
SHELBY	3037	2789	248	8.2	3073	2853	220	7.2	3041	2694	347	11.4
ST. CLAIR	3654	3264	390	10.7	3676	3365	311	8.5	3637	3264	373	10.3
ST. FRANCOIS	19531	17013	2518	12.9	19232	17191	2041	10.6	19135	16327	2808	14.7
STE. GENEVIEVE	5685	5064	621	10.9	5752	5231	521	9.1	5634	4833	801	14.2
STODDARD	12546	10403	2143	17.1	12098	10524	1574	13.0	12598	10477	2121	16.8
STONE	6881	5167	1714	24.9	6548	5286	1262	19.3	6059	4602	1457	24.0
SULLIVAN	3275	2933	342	10.4	3291	3040	251	7.6	3049	2807	242	7.9
TANEY	11875	9284	2591	21.8	11615	9758	1857	16.0	11174	8864	2310	20.7
TEXAS	7979	6739	1240	15.5	7845	6818	1027	13.1	7694	6430	1264	16.4
VERNON	9471	8721	750	7.9	9240	8635	605	6.5	9201	8526	675	7.3
WARREN	6044	5312	732	12.1	6019	5427	592	9.8	5562	4842	720	12.9
WASHINGTON	4567	3548	1019	22.3	4386	3537	849	19.4	5199	3425	1774	34.1
WAYNE	4171	3316	855	20.5	4054	3412	642	15.8	3945	3173	772	19.6
WEBSTER	7493	6545	948	12.7	7431	6655	776	10.4	7953	6805	1148	14.4
WORTH	1085	929	156	14.4	1059	957	102	9.6	1056	977	79	7.5
WRIGHT	7164	6361	803	11.2	7141	6544	597	8.4	6861	6076	785	11.4

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
JANUARY, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago.
Total Non-Agri Employment	1903.1	1940.9	1871.6									
Total Manufacturing	411.0	412.1	390.4	372.41	373.42	338.32	40.7	40.9	38.9	9.15	9.13	8.71
Durable Goods	230.9	232.0	213.6	412.98	417.78	375.71	41.8	42.2	39.8	9.88	9.90	9.44
Lumber & Wood Products	9.0	9.0	8.3	218.48	224.64	205.91	37.8	38.4	37.1	5.78	5.85	5.55
Furniture & Fixtures	9.2	9.0	7.9	294.19	304.61	272.90	40.3	41.5	41.1	7.30	7.34	6.64
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.1	10.8	10.1	419.76	408.24	378.63	42.4	41.7	39.4	9.90	9.79	9.61
Cement, Hydraulic	1.1	1.2	1.1	560.35	542.57	616.90	42.1	40.4	45.9	13.31	13.43	13.44
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.2	444.80	443.20	401.32	40.4	40.0	35.8	11.01	11.08	11.21
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	6.8	7.4	6.8	388.72	377.36	334.90	43.0	42.4	39.4	9.04	8.90	8.50
Primary Metal Industries	13.0	12.9	12.1	450.18	456.91	462.88	41.0	41.2	38.8	10.98	11.09	11.93
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.7	1.7	1.7	342.14	361.89	323.20	39.6	40.3	35.4	8.64	8.98	9.13
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.6	2.5	2.3	347.15	343.09	296.83	42.7	42.2	38.6	8.13	8.13	7.69
Other Primary Metals	8.7	8.7	8.1	506.72	512.91	552.23	40.7	41.0	39.7	12.45	12.51	13.91
Fabricated Metal Products	28.3	28.3	27.4	399.19	397.52	379.45	41.8	42.2	39.9	9.55	9.42	9.51
Fabricated Structual Metal Prod.	9.8	9.9	10.8	370.27	391.07	361.60	40.6	42.6	38.1	9.12	9.18	9.49
Other Fabricated Metal Products	18.5	18.4	16.6									
Machinery exc. Electrical	31.0	31.0	29.1	394.18	402.38	350.98	40.1	40.4	38.4	9.83	9.96	9.14
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	46.5	46.2	43.8	367.20	358.57	363.49	40.8	40.7	41.4	9.00	8.81	8.78
Transportation Equipment	65.1	66.1	57.0	548.16	571.13	480.36	44.1	45.8	40.4	12.43	12.47	11.89
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.2	28.1	19.4	565.03	603.92	463.51	46.2	48.9	40.2	12.23	12.35	11.53
Other Transportation Equip.	37.9	38.0	37.6	522.70	517.30	498.97	40.9	40.7	40.6	12.78	12.71	12.29
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.9	11.4	343.93	330.33	283.60	44.9	42.9	40.0	7.66	7.70	7.09
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.8	6.8	6.5	265.33	264.99	217.36	41.2	41.6	35.4	6.44	6.37	6.14
Nondurable Goods	180.1	180.1	176.8	323.47	319.51	298.30	39.4	39.3	38.0	8.21	8.13	7.85
Food & Kindred Prod.	44.6	45.0	44.8	381.36	367.72	358.98	40.7	40.1	41.5	9.37	9.17	8.65
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	11.5	11.7	11.2	272.84	268.60	309.40	39.6	39.5	43.7	6.89	6.80	7.08
Dairy Products	6.3	6.3	6.3	354.21	362.39	326.04	39.4	40.4	38.0	8.99	8.97	8.58
Grain Mill Products	7.3	7.4	7.5	455.05	463.68	387.86	44.7	46.0	41.0	10.18	10.08	9.46

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Bakery Products	5.5	5.7	5.6	376.87	361.74	353.86	38.3	36.8	38.8	9.84	9.83	9.12
Beverages	9.9	9.9	9.7	530.32	432.03	454.44	39.4	33.7	41.2	13.46	12.82	11.03
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.1	4.0	4.5	403.60	420.55	379.69	42.8	43.4	43.0	9.43	9.69	8.83
Textile & Apparel	26.0	25.8	24.2	182.87	179.40	181.98	35.1	34.7	33.7	5.21	5.17	5.40
Paper & Allied Prod.	12.9	12.8	12.3	375.30	373.43	339.49	41.7	42.1	41.1	9.00	8.87	8.26
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.3	6.4	6.1	393.20	381.70	348.43	42.6	42.6	40.8	9.23	8.96	8.54
Other Paper & Allied Prod.	6.6	6.4	6.2	359.51	366.13	330.37	40.9	41.7	41.4	8.79	8.78	7.98
Printing & Publishing	36.9	36.9	36.6	369.33	364.49	342.96	39.0	38.9	37.4	9.47	9.37	9.17
Commercial Printing	12.1	12.1	11.6	437.00	418.80	408.72	41.5	40.7	39.3	10.53	10.29	10.40
Other Printing & Publishing	24.8	24.8	25.0	306.45	313.22	289.00	36.7	37.2	35.9	8.35	8.42	8.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.5	27.4	27.3	443.33	447.81	380.44	43.0	43.1	39.1	10.31	10.39	9.73
Leather & Leather Products	19.0	19.2	19.7	195.81	194.71	176.30	36.6	36.6	34.1	5.35	5.32	5.17
Footwear exc. Rubber	15.0	15.0	15.3	192.75	192.36	171.19	36.3	36.5	33.5	5.31	5.27	5.11
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	4.0	4.2	4.4	207.55	203.87	193.32	37.6	37.0	36.0	5.52	5.51	5.37
Other Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.0	11.9	314.29	318.52	280.17	41.3	42.3	38.8	7.61	7.53	7.22
Total Nonmanufacturing	1492.1	1528.8	1481.2									
Mining	6.3	6.5	6.4									
Construction	64.5	74.0	65.6									
Transportation & Public Util.	133.5	132.1	130.4									
Railroad Transportation	13.3	13.2	12.7									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	64.8	65.7	64.0									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	55.4	53.2	53.7									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	449.7	464.6	448.8									
Wholesale Trade	125.6	125.7	124.2									
Retail Trade	324.1	338.9	324.6									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	108.2	108.9	108.9									
Services	403.9	407.4	397.1									
Government	326.0	335.3	324.0									
Federal Government	68.3	68.5	68.0									
State & Local Government	257.7	266.8	256.0									

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Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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As in the case of total employment, this measure of employment is also well above the year-earlier level. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in January was 31,500 higher than in Jaanuary 1983. About two-thirds of the increase was the result of recovery in the manufacturing industries. In the period, employment in the motor vehicles and equipment industry grew by 7800 jobs to 27,200. Other durable goods industries experienced a gain of 9500 jobs, while nondurable goods manufacturing employment grew by 3300 jobs. The nonmanufacturing industries grew by about 10,900 jobs in the twelve-month period, with about two-thirds of the growth occurring in services.

The factory workweek remained relatively high at 40.7 hours in January, compared to December's 40.9 hours. This slight decrease was concentrated in the durable goods industries, although most reported industry groups in this sector remained above the 40 hour mark. The drop in average weekly hours offset the two cent increase in average hourly earnings (to $9.15), causing a drop in average weekly earnings of $1.01 to $372.41. This figure is 10.1 percent above the year-earlier level.

REVISED 1983 DATA

Each year, employment and unemployment data produced by the Division of Employment Security are benchmarked to more comprehensive measures, using procedures mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The availability of these revised data now sheds additional light on developments in the period covered by the revisions.

The labor force (total employment and unemployment data) have undergone somewhat larger than usual revisions, with 1983 annual average total employment for Missouri having been increased by about 22,000. At the same time, the new estimate of unemployment for 1983 is now about 11,000 greater than the average of the preliminary monthly estimates for 1983; the annual average unemployment rate has been raised by three-tenths of a percentage point to 9.9 percent.

In addition to the changes in the annual averages, substantial changes to monthly estimates also took place. These revised estimates make the course of the economic recovery in Missouri a little clearer. Among other effects, the level of unemployment now appears to have been higher near the end of the recession (November 1982), but lower in recent months. In other words, improvement in the first year of recovery was such more pronounced than first appeared to be the case. Missouri unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) peaked at 12.2 percent of the civilian labor force in February 1983 and dropped to a seasonal low of 8.2 percent in September and October before edging up seasonally in the final two months of the year to 8.4 percent in December. (The preliminary December unemployment rate was 9.1 percent.) When seasonal effects are taken into account, the picture becomes one of unemployment continuing to edge up for a few months after the end of the recession (peaking in about April) then falling sharply thereafter. This tends to make the Missouri situation more consistent with the national, although the national unemployment rate began to drop sooner and has fallen to a lower level than the state rate. Missouri's 1983 annual average unemployment rate of 9.9 percent compares to the national rate of 9.6 percent.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment data has also been recently benchmarked. The result of these changes in an increase of 5700 in the estimated 1983 annual average nonagricultural wage and salary employment. The benchmarking

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TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – JANUARY 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,320,500	2,318,600	2,300,100	1,900	20,400
Total Employed	2,084,200	2,123,500	2,032,900	-39,300	51,300
Total Unemployed	236,300	195,100	267,200	41,200	-30,900
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	10.2	8.4	11.6	1.8	-1.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,903,100	1,940,900	1,871,600	-37,800	31,500
Manufacturing	411,000	412,100	390,400	-1,100	20,600
Durable Goods	230,900	232,000	213,600	-1,100	17,300
Nondurable Goods	180,100	180,100	176,800	0	3,300
Nonmanufacturing	1,491,100	1,528,800	1,481,200	-36,700	10,900
State Initial Claims (Weekly Average)	13,769	11,581	17,639	2,188	-3,870
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	66,227	50,112	92,375	16,115	-26,148
Insured Unemployment Rate	3.7	2.9	5.3	0.8	-1.6
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	5,732	5,002	8,664	730	-2,932
Amount of Benefits Paid	$20,726,519	$15,920,000	$30,040,391	$4,806,519	-$9,313,872
State U.I.	20,235,095	15,463,736	29,505,810	4,771,359	-9,270,715
UCFE	260,062	221,636	284,956	38,426	-24,894
UCX	231,362	234,628	249,625	-3,266	-18,263

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caused a drop of about 3900 in the estimate of durable goods manufacturing employment; this was more than offset by increases in retail trade (6600) and other nonmanufacturing industries (2800 in the aggregate). The revisions also show a slightly more pronounced cyclical improvement as 1983 progressed.

OUTLOOK

Unemployment normally remains high in February, and is frequently even higher than in January. Spring improvement should begin in March and accelerate in April. Continued economic improvement should be in the offing for the upcoming months, with no more than a slackening in the pace of recovery expected.

KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

JANUARY, 1984

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Seasonal lay offs caused a sharp rise in the unemployment rate of one and a half (1.5) percentage points to 7.8 per cent in January 1984. The area's unemployment was down by 13,600 persons from December's total employed and the number of unemployed was up by 9,600. Four thousand of those workers who were laid off in January dropped out of the labor force. In spite of these losses, January 1984 showed significant improvement over the January 1983 unemployment rate of 9.7 per cent.

Wage and salaried employment in January 1984 was 607,100 down by 11,400 from the December 1983 total of 618,500. Job losses were heaviest in non-manufacturing industries which have a significant seasonal component. The largest loss was 3,900 jobs in retail trade, as area merchants laid off the extra workers hired during the holiday. Construction and services combined accounted for another 4,100 jobs lost over the month. The semester break at area schools caused the temporary lay off of 1,100 state and local government employees. Seasonal cutbacks of 400 jobs in transportation, communications and public utilities was concentrated in the trucking industry. Minor losses in manufacturing occured in food and kindred, fabricated metals and stone, clay and glass. The only significant loss in manufacturing was in the auto assembly industry, where a shut down due to a lack of parts was responsible for the temporary loss of 2,200 jobs. Only four industries showed employment gains in January and these gains were small. Federal government rose by 200 jobs due to the additional hiring of tax processors. Finance, insurance and real estate increased by 200 and electrical equipment and other non-durables showed minor increases of 100 jobs each.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 12,400 from January 1983 to January 1984. Over the past year more than two-thirds of the gain in employment was in non-manufacturing with one-third in manufacturing. Most industries registered substantial growth increases over the year. In non-manufacturing, construction surpassed January 1983 employment totals by 2,500, wholesale trade gained 2,100 jobs, finance, insurance and real estate gained 2,000, services registered gains of 2,400, and retail trade gained 1,700 jobs. Only state and local government and transportation, communications and public utilities showed 12 month losses, both of which have been consistently lower than the year-ago figures and have been declining on the average since 1980. Major gains in manufacturing over the year have been concentrated in the durable goods industries - electrical equipment with 1,800 jobs, machinery with 1,100, fabricated metals with 800. Most other manufacturing industries registered smaller gains over the year. Primary metals and petroleum both loss 300 jobs each over the year. The 500 jobs lost in motor vehicles assembly results from a temporary shut down due to a lack of parts rather than actual loss in business.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis as 52,800 in January 1984 for 7.8 per cent of the labor force, compared with 43,200 in December 1983 for 6.3 per cent of the labor force and 65,600 in January 1983 for 9.7 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Little change in the area's economy is expected in February 1984. Employment will continue to decline in construction, wholesale and retail trade and services. Preliminary reports appear to indicate a lay off in electrical equipment. The recall of laid off auto assembly workers is expected to offset that loss. Government employment will be higher as area schools begin the spring semester and additional tax processors are hired. Unemployment is expected to be 7.9 per cent of the labor force in February 1984, compared to 7.8 per cent in January 1984 and 10.1 per cent in February 1983.

Some improvement in the unemployment rate is expected in March 1984. Seasonal factors should produce increases in construction employment, services and government. A reported recall of auto assemblers scheduled for March should produce an early significant reduction in the unemployment rate. Unemployment is expected to be 7.8 per cent of the labor force, compared to 9.9 per cent in March 1983.

SPECIAL ENERGY REPORT

No new development have been reported.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 40,062 applicants in the active file from Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of January 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	17.7
	22-44	65.7
	45 and over	16.6
Sex:	Male	63.3
	Female	36.7
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	30.1
	Other Non-White	2.2
	Hispanic	1.2

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
UI Claimants	47.5
Veterans	21.9
Handicapped	2.6

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated January 31, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS

During January 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,526 and job placements totaled 2,421. There were 1,580 veteran referrals in January 1984, with 367 veteran placments. During December 1983, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,098 and job placements 2,442. There were 1,251 veteran referrals in December 1983, with 388 veteran placments.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated January 31, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) JANUARY, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.3	18.1	16.2
25-34	34.9	33.4	34.6
35-44	23.9	21.6	23.2
45-54	14.9	13.8	14.6
55-64	9.9	10.7	10.1
65 and over	0.8	1.9	1.2
Unreported	0.3	0.5	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.8
Mining	0.6
Construction	16.9
Manufacturing	30.6
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	3.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	14.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.9
Services	22.3
All Other	9.0
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	8.4
Clerical	12.6
Sales	3.5
Services	11.8
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	1.2
Processing	1.5
Machine Trades	4.9
Bench Work	4.0
Structural Work	13.5
Miscellaneous	12.7
Information not available	25.9

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 11,445; 7,924 were male and 3,509 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March, 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas Month and Year of Current Data January, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage and Salaried Employment	607,100	618,500	594,700	-11,400	+12,400
Total Manufacturing	110,000	112,300	105,800	-2,300	+4,200
Durable Goods	62,300	64,600	58,800	-2,300	+3,500
Lumber & Furniture	2,700	2,700	2,400	0	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,800	3,400	-100	+300
Primary Metal Industries	3,300	3,300	3,600	0	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	9,400	9,500	8,600	-100	+800
Machinery Except Electrical	8,600	8,600	7,500	0	+1,100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,600	20,500	18,800	+100	+1,800
Transportation Equipment	10,500	12,700	11,000	-2,200	-500
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(10,300)	(12,500)	(10,700)	(-2,200)	(-400)
Other Durable Goods	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Nondurable Goods	47,700	47,700	47,000	0	+700
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,400	9,000	-100	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	+100
Paper & Allied Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	17,700	17,700	17,400	0	+100
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	800	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,300	+100	+400
Total Nonmanufacturing	497,100	506,200	488,900	-9,100	+8,200
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	20,600	22,600	18,100	-2,000	+2,500
Transportation & Utilities	49,100	49,500	49,900	-400	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	158,300	162,200	154,500	-3,900	+3,800
Wholesale Trade	(51,400)	(51,400)	(49,300)	(0)	(+2,100)
Retail Trade	(106,900)	(110,800)	(105,200)	(-3,900)	(+1,700)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	47,800	47,600	45,800	+200	+2,000
Services	132,800	134,900	130,400	-2,100	+2,400
Government	88,000	88,900	89,700	-900	-1,700
Federal Government	(23,300)	(23,100)	(23,300)	(+200)	(0)
State & Local Government	(64,700)	(65,800)	(66,400)	(-1,100)	(-1,700)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	200	100	-100	0

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data January, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$418.40	$427.87	$389.45	41.1	41.5	39.7	$10.18	$10.31	$9.81
DURABLE GOODS	447.37	459.31	412.91	41.5	42.1	39.4	10.78	10.91	10.48
Lumber & Furniture	327.16	345.87	283.09	41.1	42.7	37.2	7.96	8.10	7.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	475.88	474.70	442.18	40.5	40.4	39.2	11.75	11.75	11.28
Primary Metal Industries	412.90	412.90	514.54	40.6	40.6	38.6	10.17	10.17	13.33
Fabricated Metal Products	387.73	375.15	354.19	40.9	41.0	37.8	9.48	9.15	9.37
Machinery Exc. Electrical	413.96	442.68	386.31	39.5	42.0	39.1	10.48	10.54	9.88
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	451.50	422.69	411.82	43.0	41.4	41.1	10.50	10.21	10.02
Transportation Equip.	578.98	629.44	489.53	42.2	44.8	39.1	13.72	14.05	12.52
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(585.43)	(634.89)	(499.02)	(42.3)	(44.9)	(39.2)	(13.84)	(14.14)	(12.73)
Other Durable Goods	249.74	254.52	235.01	38.6	39.4	38.4	6.47	6.46	6.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	370.47	371.68	352.96	40.4	40.4	40.2	9.17	9.20	8.78
Food & Kindred Products	399.59	414.48	395.23	42.6	44.0	43.1	9.38	9.42	9.17
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	191.30	160.68	200.67	35.1	30.9	37.3	5.45	5.20	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	363.58	352.40	319.56	41.6	40.0	40.4	8.74	8.81	7.91
Printing & Publishing	394.82	396.29	389.13	38.0	38.7	38.3	10.39	10.24	10.16
Chemicals & Allied Products	442.39	450.11	410.80	41.0	41.6	40.0	10.79	10.82	10.27
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	348.04	377.92	323.51	38.5	40.9	39.5	9.04	9.24	8.19
Other Nondurable Goods	292.02	288.54	269.03	42.2	42.0	40.7	6.92	6.87	6.61

* This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

JANUARY, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate increased from 9.0% in December 1983 to 10.6% in January 1984. There were 120,600 unemployed area residents in January. The number of unemployed normally rises about 21.0% from December to January, but due to mild weather conditions during the January survey week and continued employment gains in the motor vehicles industry the increase this year was only 17.8% or +18200. Total employment declined 1.9% or -19600. This decline was also less severe than normal due to the above mentioned reasons. Since January 1983, the number of unemployed has decreased by 13500 and employment has increased by 24100. A greater number of industries are beginning to register employment increases over year ago levels. Most of the increases in manufacturing, except for motor vehicles, are still small but larger gains have occurred in non-manufacturing. Although unemployment has improved over the year, 1984 has started with an unemployment rate that is high by historical standards. Significant employment gains must occur throughout 1984 for a substantial reduction in the rate to appear by the end of the year. There were 200 labor disputants in January, 300 in December 1983, and 2100 in January 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment increased by 800 over the month. Motor vehicles again has increased the most by adding 1300 workers. Small increases occurred in primary metals, non-electrical machinery, instruments, apparel, and chemicals. Seasonal employment declines were registered in lumber, stone, and beverages. Over the year, manufacturing increased by 9700. Most of this improvement occurred in motor vehicles which added 8500 employees. Non-electrical machinery continued to show significant improvement. It increased by 1100 since January 1983. Fabricated metals, food, apparel, and leather remained below year ago levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Seasonal employment declines caused non-manufacturing employment to decrease by 21200 over the month. The declines occurred in construction (-3800), trade (-8200), services (-4100),

and government (-4500). Construction employment historically declines during the winter and the trade sector lays off temporary employees hired for the Christmas buying season. In the service industry, seasonal lay-offs occur in hotel and amusement and non-teaching personnel are usually furloughed in local government schools during the semester break. Over the year, non-manufacturing increased by 10700. Construction, transportation, trade and services all registered significant employment gains. Finance and government are still below year ago levels.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were up 6700 in January from December 1983. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were up 4900 and in the Illinois portion they were up 1800.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '84
INA	6	3	0	2
Agriculture	35	55	76	162
Mining	17	10	19	32
Construction	1432	1610	1860	4734
Manufacturing Total	4141	4633	3776	4218
Food	495	686	554	547
Textile	18	18	24	33
Apparel	267	311	224	314
Lumber	59	68	57	85
Furniture	101	82	68	75
Paper	87	128	76	97
Printing	148	182	142	144
Chemicals	149	227	185	227
Petroleum	32	28	23	32
Rubber	104	101	90	92
Leather	210	251	211	327
Stone	58	83	65	149
Primary Metal	195	220	190	197
Fabricated Metal	609	654	522	539
Machinery	143	153	132	141
Electrical Machinery	320	319	247	267
Transportation Equip.	350	338	249	261
Instruments	30	35	31	43
Miscellaneous	764	744	682	643
Public Utilities	674	645	678	792
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2745	2731	2324	2686
Finance	422	459	414	404
Services	5699	6353	5590	5765
All Other	424	489	329	425
TOTAL	15595	16988	15066	19220

Of the 19,200 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in January, 1984, 65.2 percent were male and 34.8 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '84
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1951	1999	1585	1654
Clerical	2892	2984	2604	2593
Sales	721	771	698	752
Farm, Fish & Forest	100	118	188	310
Processing	329	438	365	348
Machine Trade	1237	1393	1167	1264
Bench Work	861	982	798	795
Structural Work	1438	1630	1636	2415
Misc. Work	1926	2170	2024	2241
Domestic	54	69	55	52
Other Services	2946	3202	2774	2591
INA	1140	1232	1172	4205
TOTAL	15595	16988	15066	19220

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in File, %	44.7	16.6	21.3	39.3	2.5
Placements, %	43.8	12.7	39.6	28.7	1.9

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1984 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openigs Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.0	2.5
Clerical	14.7	11.1
Sales	14.7	14.2
Processing	0.7	0.6
Machine Trades	4.2	3.6
Bench Work	4.1	4.4
Structural Work	10.2	12.1
Motor Freight & Transportation	2.3	2.0
Packaging & Material Handling	12.7	16.2
Domestic	1.0	0.9
Other Services	28.9	31.6
Other Occupations	1.5	0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment for February is expected to be 10.4% and in March, 9.8%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data January, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	982,500	1,002,900	962,100	-20,400	+20,400
Percent Change				-(2.0)	+(2.1)
Manufacturing	218,700	217,900	209,000	+800	+9,700
Durable Goods	136,300	135,200	126,300	+1,100	+10,000
Lumber & Furniture	4,600	4,700	4,200	-100	+400
Stone, Clay & Glass	2,900	3,100	3,100	-200	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,300	14,200	13,900	+100	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,000	17,000	17,500	0	-500
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,000	17,900	16,900	+100	+1,100
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,500	13,600	13,600	-100	-100
Transportation Equipment	53,600	52,400	45,000	+1,200	+8,600
Motor Vehicles	17,900	16,600	9,400	+1,300	+8,500
Aircraft & Parts	34,300	34,400	34,200	-100	+100
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,400	12,300	12,100	+100	+300
Nondurable Goods	82,400	82,700	82,700	-300	-300
Food & Kindred Products	20,900	21,300	21,400	-400	-500
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Beverages	8,400	8,700	8,400	-300	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,900	6,800	7,100	+100	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	15,100	15,100	14,700	0	+400
Chemicals & Allied Products	20,400	20,300	20,300	+100	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+100
Leather & Leather Products	5,500	5,600	5,900	-100	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	4,900	0	+400
Nonmanufacturing	763,800	785,000	753,100	-21,200	+10,700
Mining	3,400	3,500	3,600	-100	-200
Construction	41,000	44,800	38,300	-3,800	+2,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	70,600	70,800	69,100	-200	+1,500
Railroads	7,600	7,600	7,300	0	+300
Transportation, Except Railroads	35,300	35,500	34,000	-200	+1,300
Communications & Public Utilities	27,700	27,700	27,800	0	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228,300	236,500	226,100	-8,200	+2,200
Wholesale Trade	61,000	62,400	60,800	-1,400	+200
Retail Trade	167,300	174,100	165,300	-6,800	+2,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,700	59,000	59,100	-300	-400
Service, Except Domestic	228,400	232,500	222,600	-4,100	+5,800
Total Government	133,400	137,900	134,300	-4,500	-900
Total Federal Government	37,100	37,300	37,000	-200	+100
Total State & Local Government	96,300	100,600	97,300	-4,300	-1,000
Persons Involved in Labor Management Disputes	200	300	2,100	-100	-1,900

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$434.92	$446.02	$389.26	41.5	42.6	39.2	10.48	10.47	9.93
DURABLE GOODS	454.92	473.92	403.46	42.2	43.8	39.4	10.78	10.82	10.24
Lumber & Furniture	340.27	343.20	283.14	41.7	42.9	39.6	8.16	8.00	7.15
Stone, Clay & Glass	366.98	360.64	374.98	37.6	36.8	37.2	9.76	9.80	10.08
Primary Metal Industries	466.75	509.55	474.97	40.8	43.0	38.9	11.44	11.85	12.21
Fabricated Metal Products	424.69	431.38	384.91	41.8	42.5	39.6	10.16	10.15	9.72
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	426.87	433.61	390.48	40.5	40.6	38.7	10.54	10.68	10.09
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	309.64	295.54	288.95	39.8	40.1	39.8	7.78	7.37	7.26
Transportation Equipment	572.85	609.60	497.34	45.0	48.0	40.5	12.73	12.70	12.28
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	300.85	327.99	271.03	41.1	43.1	37.8	7.32	7.61	7.17
NONDURABLE GOODS	401.39	401.30	368.38	40.3	40.7	38.9	9.96	9.86	9.47
Food & Kindred Products	494.00	462.83	439.43	41.9	42.5	41.3	11.79	10.89	10.64
Textiles & Apparel	209.24	211.03	184.03	36.2	36.7	33.4	5.78	5.75	5.51
Paper & Paper Products	430.57	441.94	386.23	42.8	43.8	41.8	10.06	10.09	9.24
Printing & Publishing	388.62	405.42	391.50	38.1	37.4	37.5	10.20	10.84	10.44
Chemicals & Allied Products	446.54	455.76	408.44	41.5	42.2	40.4	10.76	10.80	10.11
Petroleum & Coal Products	624.47	628.65	534.50	43.7	43.9	43.2	14.29	14.32	13.53
Leather & Leather Products	195.15	191.10	179.20	37.1	36.4	35.0	5.26	5.25	5.12
Other Nondurable Goods	313.70	325.80	280.50	40.9	42.7	37.4	7.67	7.63	7.50

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
(GREEN AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)
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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The January 1984 labor force, estimated at 112,400, shows a drop of 1,800 from December. Since one year ago, an increase of 3,000 is noted.

Unemployment edged up seasonally in January as the rate climbed to 7.9 percent from 6.4 percent in December. The number of unemployed persons in the Springfield SMSA rose from 7,300 in December to 8,900 in January.

During January, 1983, these were 10,500 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 9.6 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment plunged from 92,500 in December to 89,300 in January. This seasonal drop occurred in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries.

Manufacturing employment slipped 400 during the month to 18,900. Approximately 200 of the loss took place in food processing establishments.

Nonmanufacturing employment fell 2,800 from December to 70,400 in January. Industries in the nonmanufacturing group showing the most significant drops are: Trade, down 1,300; services, down 800; construction, down 300; and government, down 300. These decreases are temporary and were fostered by season influences.

Since January, 1983, overall payrolled employment is up 3,400. Manufacturing employment and nonmanufacturing employment are up 1,400 and 2,000 respectively. Normal growth and an improved economy made this jump possible.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers increased from $8.11 in December to $8.20 in January. The jump was fostered by wage rate increases in some industries and more overtime worked in several establishments. Average weekly hours worked, estimated at 39.7 for January, fell four-tenths of an hour from December.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled is expected to show a moderate increase during February. Both the number of unemployed persons and the rate of unemployment will remain near the January level or possibly record a slight drop. By March a definite seasonal downtrend should be established.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	89,300	92,500	85,900	-3,200	+3,400
Manufacturing	18,900	19,300	17,500	-400	+1,400
Durable Goods	10,100	10,200	8,900	-100	+1,200
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,200	9,300	8,100	-100	+1,100
Nondurable Goods	8,800	9,100	8,600	-300	+200
Food Processing	3,800	4,000	3,900	-200	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,500	3,600	3,300	-100	+200
Nonmanufacturing	70,400	73,200	68,400	-2,800	+2,000
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	2,700	3,000	2,400	-300	+300
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	6,000	6,100	-100	-200
Trade	25,000	26,300	23,700	-1,300	+1,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+100
Services	21,400	22,200	20,800	-800	+600
Government	11,500	11,800	11,600	-300	-100
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	9,900	10,200	10,000	-300	-100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Date January, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$325.54	$325.21	$308.83	39.7	40.1	39.9	$8.20	$8.11	$7.74
Durable Goods	311.65	314.34	304.62	39.3	40.3	40.4	7.93	7.80	7.54
Nondurable Goods	344.92	341.15	312.82	40.2	39.9	39.2	8.58	8.55	7.95
Food & Kindred Products	388.09	368.74	360.59	42.6	41.2	41.4	9.11	8.95	8.71
Other Nondurable Goods	321.70	324.92	281.99	38.9	39.1	37.8	8.27	8.31	7.46

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